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Dear Mr. Rietzke:

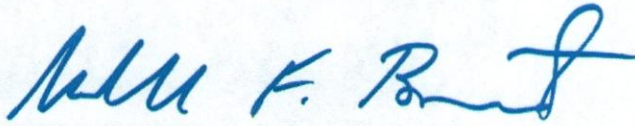
I am pleased to support Front Range Community College and Metro State University of Denver's application for the third round of the U.S. Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant. If funded, MSU will work with ten other community colleges within the Colorado Community College system to develop the Colorado Helps Advanced Manufacturing Program (CHAMP).

The CHAMP will create an employer-driven curriculum through a partnership with twenty-eight advanced manufacturing employers in Colorado that will prepare students to meet the need for a highly-skilled manufacturing workforce. Additionally, it will redesign credit for prior-learning students to allow them to accelerate towards degree and credential attainment.

The CHAMP will collaborate with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment as a part of the consortium. The program will also connect with the Colorado Workforce Development Council to convene regional workforce centers to connect students and employers. Finally, the CHAMP will partner with the Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Alliance, the state's largest manufacturing industry association, to connect the program's graduates with employers. In addition, MSU's Center for Advanced Visualization and Experimental Analysis is fully equipped to host meetings with consortium members and to broadcast classes to rural parts of the state.

I encourage you to give Front Range Community College and Metro State University of Denver's application every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration, and please notify my office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Bennet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent and the last name "Bennet" following in a similar style.

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator